



**BOARD OF HEARING AND SPEECH
MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2006**

LOCATION: The Department of Health
Point Plaza East
310 Israel Rd. SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

BOARD MEMBERS: Laurie Anderson, Chair
Penny Allen, Vice-Chair
Lesly Loiseau
Charles V. Fulmer
Rudy Gahler, M.D.
Kim Coy
Rhonda Friedlander
Todd Betts
Richard Gidner

STAFF: Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director
Karen Kelley, Program Manager
Megan McCormack, Program Representative

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Giles, Washington Hearing Society
Marci Leong, Bates Technical College

**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY
GENERAL (AAG):** Mark Calkins, AAG

1. CALL TO ORDER – Laurie Anderson, Chair **9:07 a.m.**

- 1.1 Karen Kelley introduced new board members, Todd Betts, Fitter/Dispenser, Richard Gidner, public member and newly assigned AAG, Mark Calkins.
- 1.2 The agenda was approved with the following change: Lesly Loiseau, recommended that discussion on the term Audioprosthology be added as item 1.4.
- 1.3 The December 15, 2005 conference call meeting minutes were approved.
- 1.4 Members discussed the practice of Audioprosthology, and the appropriateness of Hearing Instrument Fitter/Dispensers utilizing the term. This topic will be added to the June 2, 2006 meeting agenda for further discussion.

2. SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RULES

- 2.1** Karen Kelley discussed a request made by Secretary Mary Selecky, that all Boards and Commissions adopt sexual misconduct rules. The Board adopted this request.

3. HEARING INSTRUMENT FITTER/DISPENSER TWO YEAR DEGREE PROGRAM

- 3.1** Marci Leong, gave a presentation regarding the Bates Technical College, Hearing Instrument Fitter/Dispenser curriculum.

4. IMPROVING PATIENT SAFETY

- 4.1** Laurie Jenkins, Assistant Secretary, Health Systems Quality Assurance discussed a memo from the Secretary of Health, Mary Selecky, relating to improving patient safety.

5. PROGRAM REPORT

- 5.1** Karen Kelley distributed the Hearing and Speech Program information sheet.
- 5.2** Board members finalized the 2006 meeting dates. They are as follows:
- June 2nd in Kent
 - August 11th in Spokane
 - November 17th in Tumwater
- 5.3** Megan McCormack and Karen Kelley shared the exam, discipline and licensing statistics. They are as follows:

Licensing Statistics as of February 14, 2006:

Fitter/Dispensers

Active: 282

Inactive: 41

Audiologists

Active: 366

Inactive: 18

Speech Language Pathologists

Active: 1309

Inactive: 21

Exam Statistics from July, 2005 through February, 2006:

Bates Technical College: 3 pass, 0 fail

Spokane Falls Community College: 0 pass, 1 fail

Open Case Step Report as of February 14, 2006:

Investigation: 7

Case Disposition: 14

STID – Signed/Presented: 4

TOTAL NUMBER OF OPEN CASES: 25

- 5.4 Karen shared a request to join the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB). Board members agreed to join the NCSB for 2006.
- 5.5 Bob Nicoloff updated board members on 2006 legislation.
- 5.6 Karen distributed a condensed version of Roberts Rules of Order for information.
- 5.7 Board members reviewed panel questions from the September 12, 2005 Board, Commission, Committee Leadership conference.
- 5.8 Board committee assignments were updated.

6. SUPERVISOR QUALIFICATIONS

- 6.1 Karen discussed the current process for qualifying supervisors to supervise interim permit holders.

LUNCH - Board members continued work on item 5.7

12:00 p.m.

7. RULES HEARING

- 7.1 Laurie Anderson conducted a rules hearing for WAC 246-828-600 Approval of program for two-year degree in hearing instrument fitter/dispenser instruction, WAC 246-828-605 Site review procedures for initial and continuing approval of program for two-year degree in hearing instrument fitter/dispenser instruction, WAC 246-828-610 Process for rescinding approval of program for two-year degree in hearing instrument fitter/dispenser instruction, and WAC 246-828-615 Two-year degree in hearing instrument fitter/dispenser instruction standards.

There were no members of the public present who chose to testify.

The rules were adopted after removing language that was stated twice.

8. RULE MAKING

- 8.1 Members reviewed and discussed the draft continuing education, definition, interim permit and student supervisor rules. Karen Kelley will continue with filing these rules for a rules hearing.

9. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 9.1** The disciplinary committee did not meet.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed under the consent agenda (information items) were considered to be routine agency matters and will be approved by a single motion of the Board without separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular business agenda for discussion. No item was removed from the consent agenda.

- 10.1** January 2006 issue of “The Sentinel News for DOH Employees”.
- 10.2** December 27, 2005 article in the Seattle PI titled “Protecting public health is Job No. 1”
- 10.3** Office of the Governor Executive Order 06-02, Regulatory Improvement.

11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- 11.1** Penny Allen expressed her concern with audiologists using the term doctor when speaking to their patients.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Recorder: _____
Megan McCormack, Program Representative

Submitted by: _____
Karen Kelley, Program Manager

Approved by: _____
Laurie Anderson, Chair